

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 22-47 remain pending in this application. Withdrawn Claims 48-51 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

As the only outstanding issue in this case was the presence of the withdrawn claims, Applicants have cancelled the withdrawn claims to allow the allowed claims (Claims 22-47) to pursue to issuance. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter. As there are no other outstanding issues in this case, Applicants respectfully request that the application is now in condition for formal allowance.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believed that any additional formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, by telephone, at the Examiner's convenience.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including Claims 22-47, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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